

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A small vehicle with a body and at least two wheels each connected to the body via first and second stub axles attached to the body via a hinge, wherein the stub axles are pivotable in a first position in which they are folded up against the body and a second position in which the stub axles extend out from the body in a traveling position wherein at least one spring is provided which engages on one side at the body and on the other at the stub axles via said hinge and by its spring force alone holds the traveling position of the stub axles without additional radial reinforcements and stays; and wherein at least either the body or one or both stub axles have, at their sections adjoining the hinge, a hollow section in which the spring is housed.

2. (Previously presented) A small vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the spring is secured to the body at one end and engages the stub axles with the other end.

3. (Previously presented) A small vehicle according to claim 1 wherein the spring is secured to the body at one end and engages the stub axles with the other end.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) ~~A small vehicle according to claim 1,~~ with a body and at least two wheels each connected to the body via first and second stub axles attached to the body via a hinge, wherein the stub axles are pivotable in a first position in which they are folded up against the body and a second position in which the stub axles extend out from the body in a traveling position, wherein at least one spring is provided which engages on one side at the body and on the other at the stub axles via said hinge and by its spring force alone holds the traveling position of the stub axles without additional radial reinforcements and stays, wherein the spring is a gas-pressure spring which can be locked at least in the traveling position of the stub axles.

6. (Currently amended) A small vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the spring engages at a section of the stub axles, projecting beyond the hinge joint as seen from the wheel of the stub axles.

7. (Previously presented) A small vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a mechanical stop is provided in the hinge between the body and stub axles which, in addition to the spring, limits a traveling position unfolded to the maximum of the stub axles.

8. (Currently amended) A small vehicle according to claim 5, wherein the gas-pressure spring is arranged centrally in the lower area of the body and secured by one end to the body or to a hinge rigidly connected to the body, wherein one end of the gas-pressure spring is connected via a cable pull, to the associated stub axles, wherein the cable pull is guided at a distance from the hinge over a guide block arranged beyond the hinge or a pulley; wherein each of said hinge and pulley is attached to the hinge end of the stub axles and secured to the stub axles.

9. (Currently amended) A small vehicle ~~according to claim 1,~~ with a body and at least two wheels each connected to the body via first and second stub axles attached to the body via a hinge, wherein the stub axles are pivotable in a first position in which they are folded up against the body and a second position in which the stub axles extend out from the body in a traveling position wherein at least one spring is provided which engages on one side at the body and on the other at the stub axles via said hinge and by its spring force alone holds the traveling position of the stub axles without additional radial reinforcements and stays; wherein the body consists of two substantially parallel outer pipes rigidly connected to each other, each of which is connected in their lower area via [[a]] said hinge to one of the stub axles; and wherein there is arranged between the two outer pipes of the body a third pipe which serves as a guide pipe for a steering rod housed therein.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A small vehicle according to claim 9, wherein each of the two outer pipes has in its lower area a recess to house the ~~folded-in~~ folded-up stub axles.

12. (Currently amended) A small vehicle according to claim ~~[[10]]~~ 9, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said spring is a gas-pressure spring ~~[[is]]~~ arranged in the lower area of the third pipe and has a valve which can be actuated by pushing the steering rod into the third pipe.

13. (Currently amended) A small vehicle ~~according to claim 1,~~ with a body and at least two wheels each connected to the body via first and second stub axles attached to the body via a hinge, wherein the stub axles are pivotable in a first position in which they are folded up against the body and a second position in which the stub axles extend out from the body in a traveling position wherein at least one spring is provided which engages on one side at the body and on the other at the stub axles via said hinge and by its spring force alone holds the traveling position of the stub axles without additional radial reinforcements and stays; wherein each of the stub axles is pretensioned by an additional spring ~~[[(25)]]~~ in the direction of the folded-in position.

14. (Previously presented) A small vehicle according to claim 13, wherein the additional spring acts on the hinge via a Bowden wire and a guide roll.

15. (Currently amended) A small vehicle according to claim ~~[[10]]~~ 9, wherein there is provided at the steering rod a removable, asymmetrical handle that can also be mounted in at least two positions ~~rotated by 180°~~.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) A small vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the wheels are removably attached to the stub axles via a quick-release coupling.

Claims 18-19 (Cancelled)